

TOWN OF SUFFOLK IS IN DARKNESS

Power Plant, Valued at \$30,000, Is Destroyed by Flames.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUFFOLK, VA., February 24.—Owing to the burning of the Suffolk Light and Ice Company's power plant this afternoon, all out-of-door lighting tonight are creeping through a wind and rain-storm, under a pall that is Stygian in its blackness, save for the glimmer that penetrates through the windows of stores and homes. The gas plant supplies only indoor illumination.

The burned plant, owned by the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company, was worth \$30,000, but owing to salvage, the loss will not exceed \$10,000. There was \$15,000 insurance.

The fire is supposed to have been started by a spark from a locomotive or factory blown through an upper window. The dynamo was isolated and the dark situation will be relieved soon. The fire department was almost totally destroyed.

CUPID WINS AGAIN.

Member of Ravinings Staff Elopes and Is Married.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 24.—A romance at the University of Virginia, the well-known "Ravinings" staff of this city, has come to its end in the marriage of Miss Mattie Walker, a pretty student of the University, and a young man, Morris, of Raleigh, N. C. The wedding took place in Washington several days ago, and was a profound secret, so far as Miss Walker's friends were concerned.

Miss Walker was to have taken her degree this year, but the urgency of Cupid overcame the desire for the coveted honor. Packing her trunk and leaving the institute staff, of which she was a member, under the impression that she was going home for a vacation, she met Mr. Morris before she had gone far, and the two journeyed to the capital city, where the ceremony was performed. The bride had been at the institute for five years, and had an official position, putting the finishing touches on her education.

Dr. H. W. Tribble, the head of the school, was interviewed about the wedding, and, far from being upset at the sudden entrance of the god of love and arrow into the sacred precincts of his girls' school, he accepted things philosophically, and said Cupid was a forerunner worthy of any antagonist, no matter how exalted he might be.

"DRYS" WIN TWO POINTS.

"Wets" Not Permitted to Offer Additional Names of Illegal Voters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., February 24.—In the local option contest to-day, Judge Staples decided two points in favor of the "drys." Judge Bryan, of the "wet" counsel, endeavored to offer twenty-two additional names to the list of illegal voters, which was overruled by the court, as was also an effort to class as illegal all who had voted on tax receipts from voting places outside the city. The taking of evidence of contested voters will begin to-morrow.

Flag Is Raised.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SOUTH HILL, VA., February 24.—The flag-raising and Bible presentation by the local juniors at South Hill High School Monday afternoon was a success and a most enjoyable occasion. Notwithstanding the lowering clouds, a large crowd gathered on the school grounds to witness the imposing ceremony. At 2:30 o'clock, the juniors, about forty strong, left their lodge room and marched in a body, accompanied by the South Hill Concert Band, to the school building. It was expected that T. Graves, head of the Richmond, would present the flag, but he could not be here on account of sickness, and Rev. E. F. Hall was pressed into service and delivered a most excellent address. At his conclusion the flag was raised amid wild cheers, as the band played the "Red, White and Blue." Prof. Thornton accepted the flag in a most graceful manner. Rev. D. M. Austin presented the Bible in a forceful manner, and it was accepted by Rev. E. F. Hall.

Fruit-Growers Meet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, VA., February 24.—The Augusta County Fruit-Growers' Association had a big meeting to-day. It was addressed by Professor J. L. Phillips, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, State entomologist, who spoke on the codling moth; Dr. S. W. Fletcher, head of the State experiment station, who spoke on fruit-growing; and T. W. Woolen, of Crozet, who spoke on fruit-packing.

Fire Does Damage.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., February 24.—During a fire in the Brown-Carter Block here this morning, Fireman Junius Martin, while descending a ladder, fell twenty feet, and sustained serious injuries. The fire started in the Eagle Lodge hall, and did damage to the amount of \$3,000. Inflatory paraphernalia of the Red Men was destroyed and that of the Eagles was badly damaged.

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MONEY IS FOUND HIDDEN IN JAR

Confession Made to Officers in Washington Is Proven True.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., February 24.—Gather C. Bodenhamer, of Kernersville, who was arrested at a hotel in Washington yesterday on the charge of having stolen \$2,000 from the vaults of the Forsythe Bank and Trust Company, of Kernersville, will be brought back at once for trial. In his confession, alleged to have been made to the officer who made the arrest, Bodenhamer stated that the money was hidden in a glass jar under a porch at his home. Every cent of the \$2,000 was found to-day by the Kernersville officers just as Bodenhamer had stated.

He had been under the surveillance of a detective for some days, and it is thought that he was watched too closely to permit him to remove the money from its hiding place. One of the officers of the bank had no idea how Bodenhamer got the money. He was in North several days ago, presumably on a pleasure trip. The bank carries \$3,000 insurance as protection, and will therefore lose nothing by the robbery, as the insurance company will be called upon to meet the expense attached to the arrest and trial.

Annual Inspection.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, N. C., February 24.—The regular annual inspection of the field staff and the local military company will be held in the armory in this city Thursday evening. The inspection will be made by Inspector-General Stringfield, with some other officers, who has not yet been designated.

To Preach at University.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 24.—Rev. Dr. R. J. McBryde, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, in this city, has been appointed one of the special preachers for the chapel at the University of Virginia, where he will preach next Sunday, and Rev. S. A. Wallis, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, will fill the pulpit of St. George's Church here.

Hydrophobia Feared.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., February 24.—David H. Beatty, a prominent farmer living near Middleton, is threatened with hydrophobia as the result of being bitten by one of his foxhounds. The hound had been recently bitten by a mad bull-terrier, which had wandered into the neighborhood. The hound bit Mr. Beatty on his leg, and he is now undergoing treatment.

Furture in Full Blast.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GOSHEN, VA., February 24.—The Victoria furnace, at this place, which has been closed down for ten months, was to-day put in full blast. About 350 men are employed at the different operations of the company. Already many orders have been taken for iron to be delivered in the next few months.

PET CAT CAUSES DEATH OF CHILD

Poisons Cup of Water With Strychnine Put Out to Destroy Rodents.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HEATHSVILLE, VA., February 24.—A few minutes after drinking from a cup of water, which she had permitted her pet cat to partake, the little daughter of Mrs. Powell, who resides near this town, became violently ill and died before medical assistance could reach her. Before death came to her the cat died in convulsions. An investigation showed that the cat had eaten strychnine, which had been put out for the purpose of destroying rodents, and that enough of the powder had adhered to its mouth to poison the water from which it drank.

News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Swanboro Street, Petersburg, Va., February 24.

A "Good Roads" fund has been started here and in the three counties adjacent, the object of which is to permanently improve the several main roads leading from those counties into the city for a distance of some miles out from the city. The subscriptions to this fund are individual and voluntary. Petersburg is expected to give \$3,750 to the fund, and subscriptions to the amount of about \$400 have already been sent in without any organized effort in that direction having been made. Dinwiddie and Prince George counties are being heard from, and Chesterfield will doubtless respond in kind. In each of these counties, a "Travelers' Protective Association," at its meeting last night, heartily approved this scheme, and donated \$50 to the fund.

Just "Projecking."

Thomas Smith, negro, the murderer of Moses Winn, a young Prince George negro, on January 18, was brought back to this city from Baltimore late last night by Chief of Police Ragland. Smith offered no objection to coming without requisition papers, and makes no denial of the confessions of Winn. On the contrary, he states the deed was done there was no trouble between him and Winn, and that he was only "projecking" with the latter. His flight from the State, however, after the death of his victim showed his appreciation of the serious consequences of his alleged crime of play. He was tried here by the grand jury.

Another Smith—William by name—and a negro, was sent to the grand jury by the Police Justice to-day for robbing W. H. Taylor, a merchant of Turners, Va., who was visiting the city several evenings ago, and who was at the time being shown to a boarding house. Mr. Taylor was robbed of \$55, and Smith, when caught in Richmond, is alleged to have invested the money in a new outfit of clothing, underwear, shoes, etc.

The Police Justice this morning discharged Grant Watkins, negro, charged with cutting and wounding William Gholson on the 14th of December, and almost causing the latter's death from hemorrhage. Gholson was shown by the evidence to have been the aggressor in the trouble, and Watkins to have acted in self-defense.

General News.

The sales of tobacco this week have been quite large and fine prices were paid for desirable grades. W. S. Starnes, of Amelia, was a liberal seller, and realized \$37 per hundred on a lot of fine black wrappers sold at Oak's Warehouse, at the corner of Main and Third streets.

For other portions of his crop.

Mrs. Catherine Stewart is very ill at the home of her son, J. E. Stewart, on Commerce Street.

Mildred, the nineteen-months-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Stewart, is ill of pneumonia at the home of her parents, on West Tabb Street.

Charles Harrison, of this city, has accepted a position with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, and has been ordered to report at Bridgeport, Conn., in March.

To Be Tried for Check-Falsing.

W. B. Roebuck, who is charged with passing fraudulent checks on two prominent citizens of Petersburg, is to be tried in the Hustings Court on Friday.

These offenses were committed over a year ago, since which time Roebuck has served a five-month term in the Richmond jail. It was on his release from that jail that he was taken in charge by a Petersburg officer. He will be defended by H. M. Smith, of Richmond. Roebuck is said to be very respectably connected in North Carolina.

James Madison Lambert, a white man, is also to be tried this week for bigamy. While having a wife in North

Carolina, he is charged with marrying another woman in this city.

Tom Lassiter, an inmate of the Central State Hospital for some time, escaped from the hospital yesterday. Lassiter was convicted with another negro of the murder of C. W. Parks, a citizen of Berkeley, about eighteen months ago. The other negro was hanged, but Lassiter's mental condition was such that he was sent to the hospital as insane.

TO INSTALL WIRELESS.

System for Use Between Norfolk and New York.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., February 24.—To-day a lease was signed for the erection of a 200-foot tower on the roof of the Board of Trade building, from which a wireless telephone will be operated between this point and New York for commercial purposes. The work on the structure will begin at once.

Mr. Carman, the representative of the company, called on Mayor Riddick and arranged for the opening of the tower of the line, when the feature will be a conversation carried on between the Norfolk Mayor and Mayor Mac Donough of New York. The system to be installed is the same one that has been in operation on the battleship fleet during its world's cruise, and its practicability is said to be perfect.

MOTORMAN ARRESTED.

He Is Held on Charge of Murdering Little Girl.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., February 24.—Jett Monaghan, the motorman who was in charge of the operating of the trolley car Monday which ran over and killed little Lena Trenty at Water Street and Rivermont Avenue, was placed under arrest this morning and taken to the police station, where later Mayor Smith admitted him to bail under a bond in the penalty of \$500. The case will be gone into in the Police Court Saturday morning, unless it is continued at the request of the defense.

The technical charge against Motorman Monaghan is murder. Quite a number of witnesses will be summoned to testify in the case.

STILL HEARING ARGUMENTS.

Court Is Not Expected to Give Immediate Decision in Case.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., February 24.—The arguments in the contest of the Lynchburg local option election were continued to-day, George E. Caskey, of Lynchburg, and Judge Phlegar, of Christiansburg, completing the arguments for a contested election. Randolph Harrison will conclude the arguments for the contestants to-morrow morning, but no decision is expected immediately from Judge Christian, who is sitting in the case.

Bids for Power and Light.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 24.—At a meeting of the City Council last night, the body adopted an ordinance to receive bids for a franchise for furnishing electricity for power, light and heat purposes. The Fredericksburg Power Company applied for a franchise, and this action is based on that application. The Finance Committee, in presenting the tax ordinance for 1905, recommended that liquor licenses be increased from \$150 to \$200. The ordinance is to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Sergeant Goes to Jail.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., February 24.—Fred Sargeant, blacksmith of Laconia, N. H., was tried and convicted in the Police Court this morning on a statutory charge, preferred by his wife, who was fined \$10 and in default of payment was sent to jail. It was charged and showed by witnesses that Sargeant and his mother-in-law had resided together in Norfolk, and that he represented the woman as his wife. Mrs. Sargeant regained the possession of her child recently, and returned to New Hampshire.

Candidacy Announced.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CUMBERLAND, VA., February 24.—Hon. Paul McRae, of this town, has announced his candidacy for the Legislature. Mr. McRae, who is a prominent attorney, was in the House of Delegates three years ago, and was the patron of several important bills. He is now in the House of Delegates, and is expected to be re-elected. He is a member of the Third Regiment of the Virginia National Guard, and is a member of the Third Regiment of the Virginia National Guard.

Will Inspect Company.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., February 24.—Major John Mallory, U. S. A., will inspect the Lynchburg Home Guard, No. 1, this morning. Major Mallory is the commander of the Third Regiment of the Virginia National Guard, and is a member of the Third Regiment of the Virginia National Guard.

Memorial Day Named.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., February 24.—Pickett-Buchanan Camp last night named May 14 as Memorial Day in Norfolk, and named a committee on arrangements, headed by Captain McCarrick, the new commander. A big reception, under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be one of the features of the annual celebration.

Elected Cashier.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., February 24.—Henry C. Patton, who has for a number of years been connected with the First National Bank, has been elected cashier of the Bank of Danville, to succeed W. E. Griggs, who will make vice-president. The Bank of Danville will soon become a national bank.

Will Build Boulevard.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HAMPTON, VA., February 24.—The supervisors of Elizabeth City county to-day decided to build a stone boulevard road from Hampton to Newport News. This will make a beautiful driveway along the Virginia Peninsula.

Body Shipped Home.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HAMPTON, VA., February 24.—The remains of Charles Walnwright, who committed suicide in a heebus, were shipped to Roanoke to-night. A young woman, Miss Harmonia Earmann, of Washington, wired the Phoenix authorities that she would reach that town to-morrow to claim the body. Miss Earmann is not known in Phoenix.

Business Very Brisk.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., February 24.—Despite the inclement weather the tobacco sales in the city this far this week have been rather heavy, and already aggregate nearly half a million pounds. The prices are considered low on the medium grades, but fine leaf and dark grades sell higher, as do logs, the lowest class of tobacco. It is probable that the breaks next week will be heavy because of the favorable weather for handling the weed.

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EIGHT SUSPECTS HELD FOR TRIAL

Jury Returns True Bills Against Alleged Murderers at Powhatan.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] POWHATAN, VA., February 24.—Court was convened to-day at 1 o'clock. The first business transacted was the rendering of the verdict in the Bulter vs. Jordan case, which was argued in Farnville some weeks ago. The court decided in favor of the plaintiff. Immediately after that the case of Hobson vs. Hatcher, which was argued yesterday, was decided in favor of the defendant.

The grand jury was then sworn in. The jurors were: Wesley Martin, Charles D. Baughan, S. Napoleon Hague, Robert W. Winfree, George D. McLean, John A. Webb, Frank W. Michaux and Edwin Hicks. They retired to the jury room at 2 o'clock.

There were nine suspects in the Skipwith and Johnson tragedy—Joe and Isham Taylor, Robert Taylor, Fleming Taylor, Annie Taylor, wife of Joe Taylor, John Anderson, Lewis Jenkins and William Brown. A large number of witnesses were called before the jury and rigidly queried.

Foreman J. Beauregard Winfree handed the clerk the indictment. True bills were found against eight out of the nine alleged murderers. John Anderson was the only one the jury failed to believe guilty of the crime. After the indictments were read by James A. Tillman, clerk of the Powhatan Circuit Court, the jury was discharged between 5 and 6 o'clock. On motion of R. F. Southall, the court put John Anderson under bond to appear here as a witness on the date of trial.

Sheriff E. A. Baugh and Deputy Paul Michaux left this afternoon for Richmond to bring the accused murderers—Joe and Isham Taylor, who are confined in the city jail—to Powhatan court. They left Richmond to-night, and are coming by way of Farnville and down on the Tidewater and Western Railroad, arriving here at 11:30 o'clock to-morrow. Whether or not the trial will be begun at once is not known. The court will be opened to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Vaccinating Pupils.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., February 24.—Dr. Parkdale, president of the Board of Health, is engaged in vaccinating 200 new pupils of the public school, who entered ten days ago, at the beginning of the second half of the present session.

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MONSTER WHALE IS CAUGHT IN NET

Sixty-five-Foot Leviathan Is Dragged Ashore at Buckroe Beach.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HAMPTON, VA., February 24.—A monster black whale, sixty-five feet long, and weighing possibly 8,000 pounds, was found dead in the fishing nets of Dixon Brothers off Buckroe Beach to-day. The monster was lying on its back, while blood flowed freely from a gash in its head.

It is supposed that the whale was struck by a passing steamer and then washed into the nets. At first the fishermen thought the object an upturned sailing vessel, and were greatly surprised to discover it was a whale. It required two large fishing scoops to tow the whale from the nets to the Buckroe pier. Twenty-five fishermen were unable to turn the dead monster upon its back. This will be accomplished to-morrow with the assistance of a pulley and gasoline engine.

It is thought the whale was hit by a steamer either late last night or early this morning, as indications are that it was dead only a short time before the fishermen came upon it.

For the past several weeks a school of seven of the monsters has been reported around Cape Henry and Back River Lighthouse. It is not positively known whether the dead whale is of the species of the ordinary black, from which the bone is taken, or whether it is a sperm, and filled with valuable oil.

Although the whale was brought to the beach at dusk to-night, a number of people went to see it.



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